

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

In the Claims:

Claims 1-12 cancelled

13. (currently amended) A coated steel wire having a bright looking surface,
said steel wire having a steel core,
said steel core being covered with an intermediate coating layer,
said covered steel core being drawn to obtain said bright looking surface, said
steel wire having and immediately thereupon said intermediate coating with a
polymer, said polymer being a polyester, said polyester being transparent ~~and being~~
~~colored.~~
14. (previously presented) A steel wire according to claim 13, said polymer
comprising a transparent coloring agent.
15. (previously presented) A steel wire according to claim 13,
wherein said polymer is a thermoplastic polyester selected from the group consisting of
polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate and polyethylene naphthenate.
16. (previously presented) A steel wire according to claim 15,
wherein said thermoplastic polyester is polyethylene terephthalate.
17. (currently amended) A steel wire according to claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein said
coloring agent is organic.
18. (currently amended) A steel wire according to claim ~~13~~ 14, wherein said
intermediate coating is a metallic coating comprising at least one of a copper coating, a
copper alloy coating, a zinc coating, a zinc alloy coating, a nickel coating, a nickel alloy

coating, a tin coating and a tin alloy coating.

19. (previously presented) A steel wire according to claim 13, wherein said intermediate coating is a coating comprising at least one of a copper-tin sulfate coating and a copper-sulfate coating.

20. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a coated steel wire having a bright looking ~~colored~~ surface, said method comprising the following steps:

(a) providing a steel core;

(b) coating said steel core with an intermediate coating layer;

(c) giving a degree of brightness to said intermediate coating by drawing said coated steel core;

(d) using a transparent thermoplastic polyester;

(e) further coating said bright steel core with an intermediate coating layer with said polyester, wherein said polyester is immediately disposed on said intermediate coating layer.

21. (currently amended) A method according to claim 20, wherein said coating with said intermediate coating layer is done by ~~means of~~ a hot dip operation.

22. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, said method further comprising the step of coloring said polyester.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein said giving of a degree of brightness to said intermediate coating is done by wet drawing.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein said further coating with a polyester is done by an extrusion process.